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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM TODMAN

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SUBJECT: MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS
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REF: BRIDGETOWN 1463

1. YOU ARE REQUESTED IN YOUR ROLE AS U.S. AMBASSADOR
TO CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
GOVERNMENTS OF BARBADOS AND ANTIGUA TO EXPLORE THEIR
CURRENT POSITIONS ON CONTINUED USE OF U.S. MILITARY
FACILITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES.

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2. BARBADOS

WITH THE BARBADIANS YOU SHOULD SEEK APPROPRIATE OPPOR-
TUNITIES TO EXPLORE THEIR POSITION ON THE TERMS FOR THE
CONTINUATION OF THE NAVFAC. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT
THE GOB HAS OUR SUGGESTED TERMS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT,
AND NOTE THAT WHILE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THESE TERMS DO

NOT FULLY MEET GOB REQUIREMENTS, WE DO NOT KNOW PRECISELY WHAT THEY REQUIRE IN A NEW AGREEMENT. YOU SHOULD TELL THEM WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THEIR POSITIONS OR

VIEWS WHICH WE WOULD LIKE IN WRITING FOR STUDY.

3. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT AFTER WE STUDY THEIR POSITIONS OR VIEWS, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS ON THE NAVFAC. YOU SHOULD CONVEY OUR SUGGESTION THAT TALKS MIGHT BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, SINCE THE LAST DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN BRIDGETOWN.

4. PENDING THE SUGGESTED WASHINGTON TALKS, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES EXTENDING THE OLD AGREEMENT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A NEW AGREEMENT IS ACHIEVED. PROPOSED TEXT WILL BE SENT BY SEPTTEL. IN MAKING THIS PROPOSAL YOU SHOULD REFER TO THE GOB SUGGESTION THAT AN EXTENSION OF THE OLD AGREEMENT COULD BE GRANTED WHILE DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING ON. (THIS SUGGESTION WAS MADE BY MINEXSTAFF FORDE DURING UNDER SECRETARY HABIB'S BRIDGETOWN DISCUSSIONS WITH FORDE).

5. IF ISSUE RAISED BY GOB YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE CANNOT MAKE RETROACTIVE RENTAL PAYMENTS. HOWEVER, A FORMULA INVOLVING HIGHER COMPENSATION AT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEGINNING OF THE NEW AGREEMENT MIGHT BE WORKED OUT. SUCH A "FRONT LOADED" AGREEMENT MIGHT MEET THEIR POLITICAL NEEDS, AS INDICATED IN THE MAY TALKS. FYI - PRIME MINISTER ADAMS TOLD AMBASSADOR TODMAN JUNE 24 IN TAMPA THAT HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS. HE SAID HE WAS ASKING THAT FUTURE RENT BE FIXED ON A BASIS THAT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE PREVIOUS RENT-FREE STATUS AS WELL AS PRESENT WORTH. END FYI

6. YOU SHOULD ALSO MAKE CLEAR THAT U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CANNOT BE TIED TO AN AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED USE OF OUR MILITARY FACILITIES. WE ARE COGNIZANT OF THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF BARBADOS AND THEIR CARIBBEAN NEIGHBORS AND ARE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING WAYS TO BE MORE HELPFUL, BUT WE CANNOT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE LINK OUR MILITARY NEEDS AND THE PROVISIONS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO ANY SUCH LINK IS VIRTUALLY ASSURED.

7. FINALLY, YOU SHOULD DISCOURAGE ANY PROSPECT OF A U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR BARBADOS IN LIGHT OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO REDUCE SUCH PROGRAMS

WORLDWIDE. WE ARE ABLE TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR REIMBURSABLE COAST GUARD TRAINING, AND COULD PERHAPS ASSIST IN DETERMINING THEIR REQUIREMENTS WITH A TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE TEAM. GOB IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FMS, AND A NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT THIS TIME WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY.

8. ANTIGUA

AS THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES FOR A REVIEW OF ANTIGUAN POSITION ON MILITARY FACILITIES, YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR ANY INDICATION OF FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR POSITION THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE AN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT IN HAND
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BEFORE SIGNING A MILITARY AGREEMENT. IN DOING SO, YOU SHOULD REITERATE OUR INABILITY TO OFFER ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR MILITARY FACILITIES, AS NOTED ABOVE REGARDING BARBADOS.

IF THEY STICK TO THE POSITION THAT THEY WILL NOT SIGN A NEW MILITARY AGREEMENT IN THE ABSENCE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SIGN BY EARLY SEPTEMBER A FORMAL EXTENSION OF THE OLD AGREEMENT PENDING COMPLETION OF A NEW AGREEMENT. VANCE

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